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Hey Hey Jack,

Several soap box topics to endure from me here this month-- safety, IMAC, what the friendship at the club means. And my sincere thanks to our volunteers.

Included in this section is a photo of a multi thousand dollar airplane on fire. Most people who spend the time to practice an IMAC sequence and travel many hours to attend a contest with a perfected 150cc size airplane would be considered dedicated and accomplished pilots. These airplanes have had significant thought given to safety - ignition safety cutoff, failsafe programmed into the receiver, redundant batteries, switches, servos and receivers. The IMAC competition itself places a premium on precision, rewarding those who have most closely achieved perfection in control of the airplane. So how is it possible to have one of these masterpiece airplanes down in the field on fire? We shall never know what caused this accident, but the important thing to recognize is that there were adequate safety precautions in effect during the competition such that the aircraft went down more than 1000 feet from any people, the club had a fire extinguisher and water on hand at the time - and minimal damage to property occurred. Of course, the airplane was near total loss - which is a reminder to us all that no matter how much we spend, or how attentive we are - things can happen. When something happens, we need to already be operating safely. There is a new fire extinguisher hanging near the frequency pins, and a notice to be used in case 911 has to be called with our field address on it - let us hope we never need either one of them again.

Club Calendar

Next Club Meeting: August 11- 7pm
AT THE FIELD

August 14-15 Jim Coll Memorial
Control Line Stunt Contest

September 19 -- Warbirds / Scale
picnic - this is a new date

To Be Discussed at the next meeting

1. Safety
2. IMAC, Jim Coll &
Warbirds event planning

August Member Birthdays-

Lee Cheezum - 8/25



crash and burn

The IMAC competition this weekend produced a net \$500 +/- for the effort. That is only one measure of success we could use. We could count the new friends we made, or the two days spent enjoying some pretty dedicated modelers showing us their best. The organizers of the event, recognizing that 12 pilots is not a huge group, spent their money to fund the prizes this year. Our agreement was that the club provide the prizes - \$180-200 range expense. It always impresses me when 'strangers' act in generous ways. My thank you's begin with Bill and Brian, (event CD's) who recognized the contribution the club was making and made a personal sacrifice in paying for the trophies. Try as I might, I cannot find fresh ways to say thank you to our club volunteers. Personal 'goof off time' is very precious, and it thrills me when someone chooses to share it helping others! Skip Messick, Terri & Matt Sebring, George Fox, Lee Stevens, Eric Johansen, Bob Boyer and Tim Cole were members making the weekend a complete success- each in their own way. A few more members participated as spectators, and Bob Boyer ended up in 4th place in Basic after having some mechanical problems with his plane. Maybe there will be a couple more members competing next time. It might sound sappy, but the time I spend with others who are contributing so that others receive benefit - those hours stand out as time very well spent. Thanks guys and gals!

Jack Upchurch, President

IMAC Battle at the Bay ...

Jim Middleton - 8/4

Warren Tarte - 8/27

Happy Birthday !!

Radio Frequencies in Use

spectrum x 20

13x3 ; 14x1 ; 15x1

17x1 ; 18x1 ; 19x2;

22x2 ; 23x1 ; 25x1

26x2 ; 27x1

32x3 ; 33x1 ; 34x1 ; 36x1

41x2 ; 44x1 ; 45x1 ; 46x2 ; 48x1

51x1 ; 52x3 ; 53x1 ; 54x2 ; 55x2

56x2 ; 57x3 ; 59 reserved

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Wild party animal -- / -- good cook !



Bobs IMAC machine



chief instructor awaiting open field time



registration table



Justin Getz flying freestyle



Field repair



Line up



Fly by



slow roll

A meeting was called to order ...

July 14- 7pm -- at the field.

The Treasurer reported \$545.89 in checking and \$2035.05 in savings. Upcoming events were discussed in turn. IMAC coming up next weekend: Brian Foveaux is registered as CD for the event, and asks for opportunity for IMAC competitors to have guest status for practice Friday afternoon should they arrive early. The contest is to begin with Registration at 8am - the contest to run from 9am until about 5pm on Saturday. Sunday schedule is 8am registration again with the competition ending about 2pm. The field would be open fly at all other times. About 10 pre registered pilots have signed up, although attendance everywhere is down from the 25 seen last year, some pilots might wait to see how the weather is before showing up without pre-registering. Club volunteer needs are minimal - field prep beforehand and cooking during. All members were encouraged to attend, spectate and buy some food.

Tim Stagg provided email update on the Jim Coll Stunt Contest coming up soon - August 14-15. He reports 40-50 pilots likely competing this year plus spectators - he has trophies on hand. Tim requested volunteers to help with registration both days - and will need score tabulators and runners. Prep work of field mowing and layout will likely happen on Friday evening. Registration is at 8am both days with the contest from 9am until both days. Tim Stagg, Dennis Hasting and Jack Rosemere are in the know should anybody have questions. The club has tables, generator, change and food ready to go. We will need a cook or two for Saturday since Terri and Matt will be out of town.

Safety was discussed. The growing jet crowd is providing their own fire extinguishers when operating, and have been good so far about using a blast shield board to keep the startup heat from toasting the grass. Anybody flying a turbine powered aircraft needs a valid AMA turbine waiver or must be flying supervised by a waiver holder. All members were reminded to keep low fast passes out past half way on the runway to protect those in the pits.

Members discussed the addition of more covered pit areas down at the control line end of the pits. That area had been left open for EZ up tents. It has now been determined that having covered pits would be of more use to the members. It was agreed that once we concluded with the fund raising events this summer, the club might be in financial shape to construct the covered structure.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

About Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club

We are an AMA chartered club, with membership open to those with an interest in things that fly. Check out our website, come to the field and watch us play with our toys, and join us if you like what you see.

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Let us know how we measure up. Comments,
critique welcome.



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